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Greetings,

I am writing to express my opinion on Governor's Bill No. 942. This proposed budget for FY15-16 completely eliminates state funding for the Connecticut Library Consortium. This funding represents about 64% of its operating funds, and is vital to CLC's ability to continue to bring members cost savings and professional development through our cooperative purchasing and educational programs. As a Connecticut librarian for 12 years, I have personally and professionally benefited from the CLC's resources for library programming, professional development workshops, and the group discounts they broker for library resources.

Additionally, this proposed budget eliminates funding for Connecticard -- which includes the ability to use one library card in any public library in the state. Loss of this privilege would decrease access to information for many, many patrons, and essentially force them to purchase materials, as there would be no other ready means to obtain them.

Please retain full funding for the CLC and Connecticard, which are essential to our state's libraries and library users.

Sincerely,

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